

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2010 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin. Absent were City Clerk Eddie May, and Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.

Minutes Approval

- One edit on March minutes - Under City Clerk Report it says that Tad 2nd approval of expenses but he was not at the meeting. Revise to say Pat 2nd.
- Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the March minutes.** Motion Carried.

Waste Management Contract

- Waste Management representatives presented a letter to the council asking for a rate increase and a new contract for five years with guaranteed cost of living increases of 3% per year plus built in fuel surcharges if fuel exceeds \$3 per gallon.
- Comparisons of other cities indicate there may be better deals available.
- WM stated that they could provide options, but it is up to the city to decide what they want to provide to the residents as far as the size of each dumpster and frequency of pick up.
- The city is required, by contract with the landfill, to dump at Lake Mills.
- The current contract with WM ends in June.
- WM will attend the May meeting with options for the city to consider.
- Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to table the topic until the May meeting.** Motion Carried.

Little League

- David Bang asked the city if the little league could install dugouts and some concrete to the East ball diamond to accommodate extra teams.
- League has enough money and volunteers that it will not cost city any money.
- Roughly 132 kids will be participating this year.
- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to allow improvements.** Motion Carried.
- The City also needs to complete the improvements to the existing fence and poles, per insurance requirements.

Mayor's Report

- The city park flooded March 13th, due to rapid snow melt. The flood lasted through the 20th of March. No damage was done, but a lot of extra clean up is necessary. No FEMA claims were submitted.
- The city insurance through ICAP was paid in March. Total was \$10,837.61 for the year. As we have been with them long enough to be vested, we get a discount of about \$900.
- A dog at large problem was reported at 504 West Washington. Apparently the resident has now moved out and taken the dog with.
- Joyce has been trained by the National Weather Service to be a storm spotter.
- The lagoon gates were damaged, apparently from a tractor driving into them. Repairs pending, but second gate is secure.
- Seven street lights have quit working. Alliant has been notified and fixed two of them so far. The rest will be fixed soon at no cost to the city.
- There will be sheriff sales on two properties June 8th. The owners owe the city for utilities, so liens will be put against the properties prior to the sale. The properties are located at 105 N Hill Street and 504 West Washington.
- New trees will be planted by the ball fields on Earth Day April 22, at 2:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. Media will be present.
- WCDA awards were granted March 15th. Fertile received a total of \$86,818.90 for completing blacktop work on the city streets. The WCDA is the non-profit arm of the Diamond Joe Casino.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie was absent but presented a version of the March financials with footnotes.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (75% of year).

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	64%	79%	74%	74%	76%
Expense	70%	108%	78%	70%	85%

(The Roads Fund is currently over budget due to the City's portion of the new road surfacing done in July, 2009.)

- The City currently has a \$54,618.40 Net Loss for the fiscal year. *This deficit is the result of the road surfacing done in July, 2009, the \$30,000 purchase of Hall's Apartments and \$3,500 cost to remove asbestos, as part of the Community Center Project. The \$33,500 will be reimbursed to the City from the WCDA grant awarded last fall before the end of the fiscal year. The deficit caused by the roads project will be taken out of savings for that particular project.*

- There was a question relating to a \$1297.60 check written to the Library. This amount was automatically deposited into the City's account last month and recorded as income for the City. The amount, however, was supposed to be deposited in the Library's account. The check this month offsets the incorrect deposit from last month.
- Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the March Expenses.** Motion Carried.
- Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to apply a lien to 105 N Hill Street for utilities in the amount of \$276.60.** Roll Call Vote was Unanimous. Motion Carried.
- Penny motioned, Tad 2nd to apply a lien to 501 West Washington for utilities in the amount of \$276.60.** Roll Call Vote was Unanimous. Motion Carried.
- Penny motioned, Cindy 2nd to apply a lien to 504 West Washington for utilities in the amount of \$212.88.** Roll Call Vote was Unanimous. Motion Carried.
- Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to take legal action against the resident at 308 West Main for utilities in the amount of \$223.33.** Roll Call Vote was Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

- Craig has been fixing pot holes on the main roads. He will begin fixing pot holes in the alley ways this week.
- Lagoon will need to have a tree removed from the berm on the west side and will need to control smaller willows coming up there that are holding water.

Committee Reports

- Fertile Days:** The WCDA will decide on donations for city celebrations in early May. With Money from the former FB&I committee, and current donations, we have around \$800 for this year's celebration. Our next meeting is planned for May 10th. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Garden Club:** The Garden Club purchased flowers, pots and supplies to start placing decorative items throughout the city.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 6:00PM, Tuesday, May 18th, 2010, to tour the water and sewer facilities. The public is welcome to take the tour as well.
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, May 18th, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn - Tad Motioned, Penny 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of March 31, 2010				
Type	Name	Memo	Amount	
General Fund Accounts				
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	Electrical Service	-1,218.04	
Bill Pmt -Check	Bergo Environmental Services	Asbestos Removal - Community Center	-3,500.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	-619.32	
Bill Pmt -Check	CarQuest	Snow Plow Maint	-44.19	
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	Pick-up Truck Servicing	-79.54	
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	Pul Sewer Pump, Remove Underware	-435.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	Association dues	-359.34	
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	Tools, Torch & Gas	-139.90	
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	Water & Sewer Testing	-93.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	Housing Grant administration	-300.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Publish Budget	-105.92	
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	Fuel	-138.02	
Bill Pmt -Check	Verizon Wireless	Craig's Cell phone	-49.97	
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	Garbage & Recycling	-1,792.90	
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	phone/Internet	-134.56	
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County - Engineer	Diesel Fuel	-35.65	
Bill Pmt -Check	ICAP	Insurance - hasn't been distributed	-10,837.61	
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	Electrical Service	-1,245.12	
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	Late Charges	-33.05	
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Annual Subscription	-36.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	Letter Trays	-10.99	
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	Testing Supplies	-89.05	
Check	First State Bank	Fire Dept Loan	-2,455.15	
Check	US Post Office	postage	-84.00	
Check	Fertile Public Library V	OA/IL Infrastructur (sent to us by mistake)	-1,297.60	
Check	USPS	stamps	-52.80	
Deposit		Deposit	3,314.18	
Deposit		Deposit	68.65	
Deposit		Deposit	5,663.68	
Deposit		Deposit	328.33	
Deposit		Deposit	3,605.61	
Deposit		Deposit	183.82	
Deposit		Deposit	5,441.25	
Deposit	Treasurer - State of Iowa	Deposit	1,476.25	
Deposit		Deposit	2,264.27	
Deposit		Deposit	2,384.01	
Deposit		Deposit	1,565.14	
Deposit		Interest	14.69	
Liability Check	IPERS	Payroll Liabilities	-764.19	
Liability Check	IPERS	Payroll Liabilities	-421.22	
Liability Check	IRS	Payroll Liabilities	-2,318.04	
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren		-308.17	
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.		-476.69	
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce		-636.37	
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-585.23	
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-540.35	
Total General Fund Accounts			-4,927.10	
Roads Revenue Fund Savings				
Deposit		Interest	9.88	
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings			9.88	
Water Fund Accounts				
Deposit		Interest	1.83	
Total Water Fund Accounts			1.83	
Sewage Fund Accounts				
Deposit		Interest	4.06	
Total Sewage Fund Accounts			4.06	
TOTAL			-4,911.33	